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Good Bye (Addio) in English.....Paoli Tosti, 88065, 12  
Hamlet, Scene et Air d'Ophélie (Mad Scene) in French.....Ambrose Thomas, 88251, 12  
La Serenata, Serenade (Harp acc. by Ada Sassoli).....Paoli Tosti, 88073, 12  
Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark (Flute obligato by Lemmone) in English.....Bishop, 88072, 12  
Lucia, Scene de la pazzia (Mad Scene) (Flute obligato by Lemmone) Donizetti, 88071, 12  
Matinata (Morning Serenade).....Paoli Tosti, 88077, 12  
Nozze di Figaro, voi che sapete (What is this Feeling).....Paoli Tosti, 88076, 12  
Oh, Lovely Night, in English.....Landon Ronald, 88182, 12  
Otello, Ave Maria (Hall, Mary).....Giuseppe Verdi, 88149, 12  
Otello, Salce, Salce (Willow Song).....Giuseppe Verdi, 88148, 12  
Pensieroso, Sweet Bird (Flute obligato) in English.....G. F. Handel, 88068, 12  
Rigolotto, Carb Nome (Dearest Name).....Giuseppe Verdi, 88078, 12  
Se Saran Rose, Melba Waltz (When Bloom the Roses).....Luigi Arditi, 88076, 12  
Tosca, Vissi d'arte (Love and Music).....Giacomo Puccini, 88075, 12  
Traviata, Ah, Fors' e Lui (He of Whom I Dreamed).....Giuseppe Verdi, 88064, 12  
Vie Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon in English.....Robert Burns, 88150, 12

## RICHMOND WILL HAVE MODEL POST-OFFICE

Complete Reorganization of Present Methods Soon May Be Undertaken.

COMMITTEE PLANS VISIT

Experts Are Appointed by Postmaster-General to Investigate Certain Offices.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Washington, January 31.—An investigation is to be made of the Richmond post-office by a "committee of experts" which will arrive there in all probability in less than a week from to-day. The investigation is expected to result in a complete reorganization of the present methods and possibly wholesale changes in the working force.

## OLD FOLKS FIND NEW REMEDY RELIEVES ALL KIDNEY AND BLADDER MISERIES

Drives Rheumatic Pains Away, Relieves Backache and Bladder Disorders After A Few Doses Are Taken.

Sleep disturbing bladder weaknesses, backache, rheumatism and the many other kindred ailments which so commonly come with declining years, need no longer be a source of dread and misery to those who are past the middle age of life.

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of the Atlanta division. All five members of the committee are men of long experience and thorough experts in their particular line.

First Visit to Atlanta.  
After its organization the committee's first visit was made about January 5 to the Atlanta, Ga., post-office, where a new postmaster had just been appointed. The members remained there about ten days and so thoroughly reorganized the office that doubt was expressed that the old postmaster would recognize his surroundings should he "drop around." After finishing up the job to his satisfaction, the committee moved to Savannah, where it spent about a week, but in such shape that it will well serve as a "model," and returned to Washington. It has been very busy since its return a week ago in preparing its voluminous report.

In anticipation of its visit to Richmond and to secure some outline of the work ahead of it, the committee today forwarded to Postmaster Hay T. Ryan a printed form bearing a large number of questions regarding the Richmond office. With the reply in hand the committee will be more fully prepared to get right down to work upon its arrival.

The plan of reorganization which has been adopted is to divide the executive branches of the office into two divisions. This has been done by placing one division in charge of the superintendent of mail, and placing in his charge every branch of the office which has to do with mailing, distribution of mails, delivery, collections, city carriers and substations.

The other division has been headed by the assistant postmaster who has been given charge of every division of the office. He will have charge of money order, registry, postal savings, and other similar divisions, and will be assisted by a number of clerks. After these lines have been clearly defined it has been found a comparatively simple matter to place each of the heads of the different divisions each responsible to a known superior, without possibility of shifting responsibility or doubt as to whom to look to as his immediate superior. Here, before the different branches of a large post-office have, as a general rule, been supervised by a multiplicity of superiors, each division being supervised by an imaginary line only, frequently resulting in misunderstanding and team work, resulting in general inefficiency.

System of Uniformity.  
After the organization has been completed, so far as methods are concerned, the committee will take up the question of uniformity of each individual, particularly supervisory officers. With a view to ascertaining whether or not they are suitable for the position, they are attempting to fill. The safeguarding of government funds will also be given consideration. To ascertain if check-ups and audits are made frequently enough, and, if possible, to state any division of responsibility, and in each instance to fix the individual responsibility.

To this end it is required, if possible, that only one individual shall have access to the funds in his immediate charge, which means the abandonment of the "common" safe or drawer, which three or four have access to. This innovation, besides preventing pilferage, is a great protection to the government. The government has been losing a considerable amount of money in the postal system, due chiefly to a lack of uniformity in these methods.

The committee has no set purpose of reorganizing the personnel of any office, but where inefficient employees have been found they have been placed in positions of less responsibility and more able men brought up from below and put in their stead.

It is the intention of Postmaster General Burleson ultimately to have at least one "model" post-office in each State, so that postmasters and their cities may visit them and place their own offices as nearly on that basis as possible.

Mica Mines at Chula.  
Chula, Va., January 31.—Mica property near Chula is to be developed by Northern Capital. The Virginia Mica and Mining Corporation of Chula has been chartered. The corporation's officers are George H. Matchett, president, and L. B. Kinzer, secretary and treasurer. Both of these men are from Philadelphia.

Better Acquaintance Club.  
A very enjoyable time was spent by members of the Better Acquaintance Club, on Friday, in Fairmount Town Hall. There were about seventy-five persons present. There was dancing and other amusements. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage acquaintance idea in the neighborhood.

United States Circuit Court of Appeals.  
The Federal term of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will convene on Tuesday morning. Circuit Judges Pritchard, of North Carolina; Woods, of South Carolina; and Knapp, of Washington, and District Judge

Dayton, of West Virginia, will be in attendance. There are thirty-two cases on the docket, several of which are of local interest. The court will be in session for about six weeks.

Graduate Nurses to Meet.  
The annual meeting of the State Association of Graduate Nurses will be held on Thursday and Friday in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. One of the features will be an address on Thursday night at 8:15 by Miss Crandall, secretary of the New York State Association of Graduate Nurses. The Red Cross Nursing in the Dayton Flood.

### FORM ASSOCIATION

Richmond Alumni Organizes Branch of Phi Epsilon Fraternity.  
Twenty-two members of the Richmond alumni of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at their annual banquet last night at Burger's Hotel formed an alumni association for Richmond and elected the following officers: President, G. G. Gariand, vice-president, Dorey G. Taylor, and secretary-treasurer, Frank G. Louthan. It was decided to hold monthly meetings. The meeting adjourned early in order to attend an initiation of Virginia Alpha chapter at Richmond College.

Those who responded to the following members: H. S. McCrary, W. L. Phillips, E. C. Cato, K. B. Lewis and T. B. Hunslett.

## My Meals Don't Hurt a Bit

A Little Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet Will Aid Your Exhausted Stomach to Digest Any Meal.

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The work, worries and woes of adult life exhaust the digestive apparatus and nature very often is not allowed time or opportunity to renew or repair the exhausted organs and depleted digestive juices.



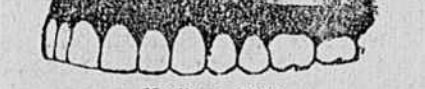
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## News of Petersburg

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, (Phone 1485).

Petersburg, Va., January 31.

A great meeting of the farmers of the State will be held in the Academy of Music in this city during three days of next week, beginning on Tuesday. It will be the annual convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Virginia. It is expected that every county in the State will be represented in this meeting, and that delegates and visitors to the number of over 1,000 will be present. Since the last annual convention there has been remarkable growth of the organization—growth in number of county unions and in strength and influence. The convention will be presided over by President Gannaway and the welcoming address will be delivered by Mayor Robert Cabaniss. A great deal of business of importance to the organization and to the farmers of the State will be considered.

### Death of Miss Wilcox.

Miss Susan P. P. Wilcox, widely known and connected and greatly esteemed and beloved, died this morning about 8 o'clock, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. John G. Dunn, on South Sycamore Street. She was the daughter of John P. and Mary J. Wilcox, and was born June 26, 1845, on the historic Flower de Hundred estate in Prince George County. She is survived by one brother—R. Bolling Wilcox, of Flower de Hundred—one sister—Mrs. John G. Dunn, of this city—and by a number of near relatives in Prince George, Richmond and Petersburg. She was a woman kindly and lovable in character and of highly cultured mind.

### Slight Morning Fire.

A slight fire, fortunately causing but little damage, occurred this morning in the store of the Stockell-Myers hardware store, on Sycamore Street, caused by the ignition of gasoline oil, with which Paul Johnson, a colored employee, was kindling a fire. Johnson was painfully burned about the hands. The department was called out and the fire was quickly extinguished.

### Petersburg Tobacco Market.

The sales of bright tobacco at the warehouse this week were 12,554 pounds; for the month, 146,644 pounds; and for the season to date, 1,662,730 pounds. The market was active with sales of wrappers at \$20, \$25, \$30, \$33 and \$40.

The sales of dark tobacco for the week were 284,885 pounds; for the month, 721,500 pounds; and for the season, 2,113,520 pounds. Shipping leaf sold this week for \$11 to \$14, and wrapper for \$20, \$25 and \$30, on a very active market. The warm rains this week have furnished a splendid season for handling tobacco, and large receipts of both bright and dark are expected next week.

### Sentenced for Larceny.

John Armstrong, colored, who several days ago passed a check for "37 cents" for \$37, and secured a 50-cent bottle of whiskey and \$26.50 in change on it, was this morning sentenced to jail for ninety days for the larceny of the money he received in change.

Edward Balkard, colored, is alleged to have broken into the old power house of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, on the river, and stole a large quantity of copper wire. He was this morning sent on to the Housing Court to be tried for felony.

### A Pleasant Surprise.

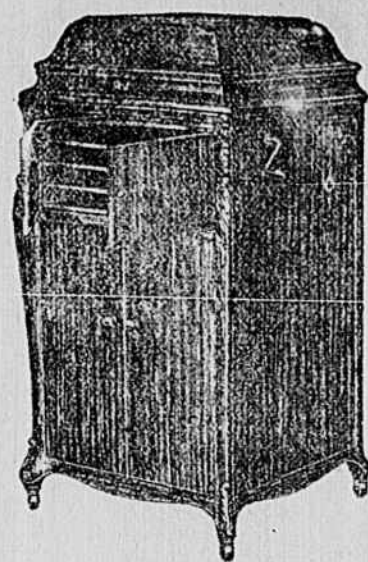
Dr. William Pilcher, superintendent of the First Baptist Church Sunday school, was taken by surprise at his residence, on Union Street last evening by the visit of visitors and teachers of the school, who presented him with a handsome gold handle umbrella as a token of respect and appreciation of his efficient work in the school. The occasion, of course, was a pleasant one.

### Died of His Injuries.

A. P. Johnson, of Waverly, who was thrown from his buggy and badly injured several days ago in the main street of that town, died in the Petersburg Hospital last night. His skull was fractured, and though an operation was performed, he never recovered consciousness. Mr. Johnson was engaged in the wheelwright business at Waverly, and is survived by several sons.

### To Discuss Evangelism.

A meeting of the Methodist pastors in



ministry. In the morning his subject will be "Retrospect and Prospect."

The Philathea Class of the Halifax Street Baptist Chapel has completed its new classroom, and has fitted it up in beautiful style with the Philathea colors. The room will be occupied tomorrow.

### Tartie Faction Loses.

Judge J. F. West late this evening rendered his opinion in the case of the Harrison Street Baptist Church, colored. Judge West confirmed the report of Commissioner Prince, removing Eli Tartie as pastor supply and turning the church over to the anti-Tartie faction. A stay of execution was granted by the court for ninety days to allow the Tarties to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

In the Circuit Court of Prince George to-day Judge Smith, colored, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and given eighteen years in the penitentiary. Smith killed a colored woman, Rosa Taylor, last September.

### MAKES RECORD

Fire Chief Reaches Box Before Alarm Has Stopped Recording.

Two records were established in the Fire Department last night when two alarms were turned in from the same box, for different blazes, and when Assistant Chief Wise responded to the second alarm and the scene before the signal system had been recording the alarm.

The box was No. 28, Lehigh and Judah Streets. The first fire was caused by an explosion of a gas pipe at 225 Lehigh Street. The second was at 529 Prentiss Street. The damage in both instances was trifling.

The first alarm was sounded at 11:21 and the other a few minutes afterward, which caused many people to believe that a second alarm had been turned in.

Engine Company No. 4 and No. 3 Truck, both motor apparatus, also made fast time in responding to the alarm.

### City Auditor Crenshaw Qualifies.

George S. Crenshaw qualified yesterday as City Auditor. He gave an oath of office in the sum of \$200.

## CASCARETS TONIGHT! IF BILIOUS, HEADACHY, CONSTIPATED—10 CENTS

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